

Application No.: 10/643,893
Atty. Docket No.: 54525.0000094

Remarks

At the time of the Office Action, claims 1-7 were pending in the application. Claims 1-3 and 7 are canceled. Claims 4 and 5 are hereby amended. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 4-6 will be pending in the application.

Claims 1-7 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-8 and 12-18 of U.S. Patent No. 6,758,116. Office Action, p. 2. Accordingly, a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321 is filed together with this reply. Applicants respectfully request that the judicial double patenting rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1-3 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Riley. Office Action, p. 3. Claims 4-6 depend from rejected claim 1. The Examiner indicated that claims 4-6 contain allowable subject matter. Office Action, p. 3. Accordingly, claims 4 and 5 have been amended to include all the limitations of claim 1 and placed in independent format. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the allowance of claims 4 and 5. Claim 6 depends from claim 5 and is allowable for at least the reasons that claim 5 is allowable.

Applicants believe that all of the rejections and objections in the Office action have been addressed by the amendments and remarks above. If there are any questions regarding this Response, Applicants welcome a telephone call or interview with the undersigned Applicants' representative.

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